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Whitman drops bid for U.S. Senate

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

Gov. Christie Whitman, after quietly campaigning on the fringes of the U.S. Senate race for 10 weeks, dropped out last Tuesday.

Whitman, who announced she was dropping out claiming "couldn't devote the time and attention" to conducting the business of New Jersey residents. Despite remarkable success at building financial and organizational support for a campaign, I am convinced that a statewide campaign would be a distraction from finishing the work New Jersey voters asked me to complete," she said in her written announcement. "A statewide campaign in New Jersey requires a 110 percent effort, as does serving as governor."

Whitman was by far the front-runner among Republicans. She leaves in the race former Gov. Jim Florio, whom she best before being re-elected by an extremely slim margin in 1998, former Governor's son, and others will likely enter.

Now, said a "disappointed" Republican Assemblyman Tom Smith (Asbury) whoever wins the coming fight for the GOP nomination has an unworkable chance of success. "We knew what the governor's platform was. We don't know about the other candidates."

"Democratic candidates have become the front runners for the gubernatorial race. We don't know about the other candidates."

Whitman had told the press all her moves were viewed through a political prism, complaining about the New Jersey Black Ministers Council criticism of her plan to have the new State Police chief report to an assistant attorney general. She said the council had become "focused on partisan politics," although Council President Rev. Reginald Jackson supported Whitman during the last election.

"Our position is to work in the best interest of the people we serve," Jackson said. "The council has said from jumpstart that the superintendent needs to be a strong one," he noted.

Wire stories quoted unnamed GOP sources saying Whitman was disturbed about the prospect of raising millions of dollars in competition with the millionaire Corzine, who has yet to officially announce his candidacy.

"I can assure you there was no unnamed GOP source involved in the governor's very personal decision and determination not to run for the U.S. Senate," said campaign director Charlie Smith.

Whitman's decision "was based solely on her determination to continue to deliver the level of attention that is required to govern the state of New Jersey the way she would like to do it," he said. "We were raising over \$200,000 per week. We were raising more than the Senate race at a pace that has never been approached in New Jersey history."

Corzine, who has been campaigning on a platform that includes investment in New Jersey's urban centers, says he will formally declare his candidacy within a few weeks. "This more than ever becomes a race about the issues and candidates of the future," Corzine said. "If the Democrats were to nominate a candidate from the past, we would be doing a disservice to New Jersey and huge favor to the 'Republican Party.'"

Indication Troopers who shot 3 on Turnpike face trial

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

Two New Jersey State Troopers meant to murder a young man of color and injure two others in an April 1998 shooting on the Garden State Turnpike, according to an indictment issued last week.

Troopers James Kenna, 28, of Hamilton Square, N.J., and John Hogan, 29, of Florence, could spend the next 20 years in prison on attempted murder and aggravated assault, according to an indictment handed down last Tuesday. Each was named on one count of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault.

The pair are charged with the attempted murder of Daniel Reyes, a passenger in a minivan stopped on the turnpike near Exit 7A in Mercer County. They are charged with aggravated assault for the same shooting. Hogan is also charged with aggravated assault in connection with the shooting of Jermaine Grant, another passenger. Kenna is charged with aggravated assault for shooting passenger Rayshawn Brown. All three victims are New York residents.

"The indictment charges each trooper 'purposefully' tried to cause Reyes' death and seriously bodily injury, accusing them of 'extreme indifference to the value of human life.' It claims Hogan and Kenna 'purposefully or recklessly' injured Grant and Brown, respectively."

"We're very grateful," said Rev. Reginald Jackson of the New Jersey Black Ministers Council. "However,

you never celebrate when confidence in law enforcement is undermined. There's a gap between law enforcement and the minority community and this doesn't help close that gap. That has to happen because minorities depend on law enforcement in our communities."

While an indictment is an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty, the Troopers also face 10 years each and fines of up to \$300,000 if convicted.

The case is slated for a trial in Mercer County. Both Troopers were already on suspension.

In reaction, one of the defense attorneys charged that the indictments were politically motivated. The Troopers only had seconds to respond when the minivan backed up, he noted.

Ironically, Delacy Davis of the Black Cops Against Police Brutality agreed. "I agree in the sense that it's always been political. That precluded people of color from getting justice in these cases. Those who are now in power want to be politically correct rather than stack the panel against the citizenry."

People recognize that no longer could the same old dog that we've seen waste the culture of law enforcement be allowed to run rampant in this instance," he said.

It's rare to find the judicial process "working to the satisfaction and benefit of people of color," said Davis. "We have at least the appearance of fairness, and this has not been the case anywhere in the country."

'Show me the money!'

The UNCF gives Black College workshop at Bethany Baptist

By Gloria Rogers
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Parents and students who want to know how to receive funds to help pay for your education, save this date: October 30. Bethany Baptist Church, 275 W. Market Street is the place you want to be from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Valerie Cole-Davis, assistant area development director of the United Negro College Fund for the state, will conduct a free workshop to address the myths and misconceptions about attending black colleges.

We've all seen the teletown hosted by the inimitable Lou Rawls and the slogan "a mind is a terrible thing to waste," has been committed to memory, but do you really know how to ascertain some of the money that's generated from the telephone? Probably not.

Davis' presentation will focus on three topics: Misconceptions about black colleges, Guidance counselors and black colleges, and Financing a black college education.

Today there are 950 students in the state of New Jersey who benefit from the UNCF. Davis, along with area development director Ronald Paige, are on a mission to see the UNCF number double for the year 2000.

The UNCF has grown to



Valerie Cole-Davis, the UNCF's assistant area development director, and director Ronald Paige

become the nation's oldest and most successful African-American higher education assistance organization. However, even with the 462 programs in place, many African-American students continue to be deprived of this information.

Our students oftentimes are under served in the way of accessing all of the data of real assistance to them," said Davis. "We're not talking about separation; we're talking about education. It's about trying to make the playing field equal."

Davis said there have been many times when she's visited high school guidance offices and has not seen catalogs represent-

ing the 39 institutions the UNCF serves.

"We're trying to keep the door of opportunity open for education," said Paige.

On Sept. 21, the same New Jersey UNCF branch will host its kick-off campaign at the East Brunswick Hilton from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Participants will become better informed about what the UNCF offers and how it operates, and also have an opportunity to get involved with an "Evening of Stars," which is the UNCF's national telethon. For additional information telephone (973) 642-1555.

Historic black community sees residential boom

LAWNESIDE (AP) — This historic Camden County community that was a stop on the Underground Railroad may soon see its largest residential development boom in more than two decades. Fifty-one homes are slated for construction on a tract that has been vacant for 10 years. The Estates at Lion's Gate, a large housing development, is a small windfall for the 1.4-square-mile community of 2,800.

"It's been all the buzz in town," said Lester Jones, a lifelong resident who lives across the street from the new development. "It seems like it'll be a wonderful thing for the town."

The new homes cost between \$154,000 and \$199,000 in a town where homes sell for an average price of \$84,000. If all 51 proposed

homes are actually built, that would mean at least \$7 million in new taxable property.

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veloped land in Lawnside," said Lawnside's Mayor Mark Bryant. "We've had developers come in and do small development, but nothing had the potential to bring in this many people."

Lawnside was the perfect loca-

tion to build homes that will attract middle- and upper-income buyers, said Renee LaFarge, president of American Real Estate Development, which is financing the project. Two homes have been sold so far, and negotiations are ongoing for two more.

"Developers are struggling to find land in Camden County, but they often overlook communities like Lawnside, a historic, African-American community," LaFarge said.

About 98 percent of Lawnside's residents are black.

Lawnside was founded as a free-black settlement. In the era of slavery, it offered refuge for fugitive slaves seeking freedom. The borough was incorporated in 1926 as the only black-governed municipality in New Jersey.



Five-year-old Carl Reginald Parker Chase's first day of kindergarten on Sept. 7 was the first day ever for the Althea Gibson Academy of Early Childhood Education, a new public school in East Orange. Here Carl, like so many young students, gets support from Principal Betty Debraun. The same day, Bethany Baptist in Newark opened its new Christian Academy.

Area youth 'March' in peace, purpose

Free of police interference, participants keep it positive

By Gloria Dulian-Wilson
Staff Writer

HARLEM — The second Million Youth March went smoothly this year, despite many negative predictions and animosity generated by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The gathering, 2500 strong at its height (last year's was 6,000), was not permitted to march again to 118th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard. But by order of Justice Denny Chin, the barricades, riot police and the helicopters that buzzed participants last year were gone.

The judge had warned Giuliani sternly against such tactics and

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education, voting, economic development, cultural integrity, and avoiding drugs. Below are several highlights:

- **Drugs:** My mind is the most powerful weapon you have. Don't cloud it down or do anything that isn't for the almighty God - wake up! Clean up! And stand up!
- **The community:** We want to be the clean people our ancestors were. The people who were considered the light of the world; we were once pyramid builders, now we're project dwellers.
- **Religion:** We all come from the same religious base. Let's stop destroying and fighting each other over all these little bridges of knowledge. Cross over from the darkness into the light, from ignorance into supreme wisdom, knowledge and understanding; from a slave mentality to an enlightened, free mind.
- **Youth and adults:** Work with one another - walk with (young people), help them, guide them, educate them, and help on build that world which will prepare for a brighter future, so that our babies will not be left behind in the white man's schools, in a poor educational system.
- **Politicians:** If something degrades you, stay away from it. That's what our politicians should be telling you, rather than telling you to stay away from this event. I think you made a mistake, Negro politicians. Look around you, these are the voters that will send your Black sorry weak behinds home!
- **Rep. Charles Rangel and others:** had urged citizens to stay away. But many brought their children, or came in defiance of that and of what they call a "divide and conquer" attitude.

The measure of the impact may ultimately belong to the youth. "I learned a lot from Mr. Muhammad about my history, and the importance of getting a good education and staying away from drugs," said one 11-year-old. "And I won't listen to any more rap music that puts me down or talks about violence. I think we need a Million Youth March every year."

Community Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

MAHWAH — Ramapo College hosts a celebration on the inaugural season of the Angellia and Russ Berni Center for the Performing and Visual Arts, 4 p.m. (201) 684-7002.

PLAINFIELD — The Literacy Volunteers of America hosts a free workshop for adults who want to read at Plainfield Public Library 6 p.m. (908) 755-7955.

ELIZABETH — Union County College hosts a workshop on financial aid, 10 a.m. (908) 709-7141.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center hosts a health discussion with the Plainfield Health Department on blood pressure and diabetes, 11 a.m. (908) 753-3025.

NEW YORK — The Henry Holt Books for Young Readers host a book discussion on author's Pearl Fuyo Gaskins new book "What Are Your Voices of Mixed-Race Young People?" at the Washington Bookellers, 7 p.m. (212) 886-1058 or (973) 744-7177.

HOWELL — The Monmouth County Park System hosts a parent and kid activity program at the Monmouth Reservoir, 9:30 a.m. (732) 842-4000.

WASHINGTON — The National Newspapers Publishers Association (NPPA) hosts its annual board meeting at the Renaissance Hotel, Call (202) 595-9000 for time and information.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center hosts a birthday party for seniors born in September, 1:30 p.m. (908) 753-3056.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

EAST ORANGE — Imani Baptist Church of Christ, Inc. hosts an art show of fine art created by African American artist at the Clara Bearfield Fellowship Center, 2 p.m. (973) 678-7222.

CRANFORD — Parents for Deaf Awareness hosts a discussion on deaf students entitled "Rethinking the Education of Deaf Students at the Roy Smith Theater, 10 a.m. (973) 478-0554.

NEW YORK — The Sony Wonder Technology Lab hosts an exhibit for kids on the science of animation in film and television, 11 a.m. (212) 533-7558.

NEW YORK — The Membership Committee of the National Action City Bus Ride. The bus will depart from the National Action Network Headquarters at 1 p.m.

Call (212) 987-5000 for information.

HOLMDEL — The 12th Annual Festival of the Arts and Heritage of African Americans takes place at the PNC Bank Arts Center, 10 a.m. (732) 442-9200.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ATLANTIC CITY — Expo Opportunity '99 National Minority Supplier Development Council of PA-NJ-DE, Tropicalia Resort & Casino, September 20-21.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

PLAINFIELD — The Literacy Volunteers host a free workshop for foreigners who want to read at the Plainfield public Library 6 p.m. (908) 755-7955.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Joyce Golden Palette Gallery hosts an art exhibit on the fall season featuring the works of Joe Zama, 7 p.m. (732) 247-9672.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NEWARK — The 1,000 Friends of Education will host a luncheon at the Newark Club, 12 p.m. (973) 621-6931.

FREEHOLD — The Monmouth County Planning Board's Division offers a course in master composting at Tatum Park through September 25, 2 p.m. (732) 431-7460.

JAMESBURG — The New Jersey Voluntary Association for Outreach Workers hosts New Jersey Outreach Worker Day, a day long event honoring those who give their time to the community. Its part of New Jersey's Outreach Worker Week that runs from Sept. 20-26. The awards ceremony takes place at the Holiday Inn, Call (973) 926-6264 for time and information.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

EAST RUTHERFORD — The New York Urban League's Annual Football Classic between Garmath State and Hampton returns for its 23rd year at Giants Stadium, 2 p.m. (212) 526-5000.

NEW YORK — The Sony Wonder Technology Lab presents an exhibit for kids on 3-D Movie, 11 a.m. (212) 533-7555.

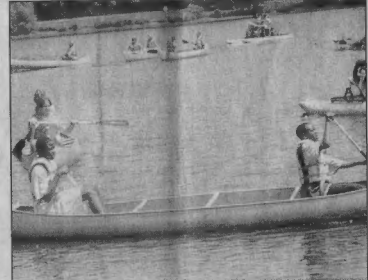
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEWARK — The Newark Museum host its Third Annual "Volunteer Recruitment" celebration, 11 a.m. (973) 596-0238.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEW BRUNSWICK — Knowledge is Power NJ Energy Choice Option Theater Company, 12 p.m. (973) 842-4400.

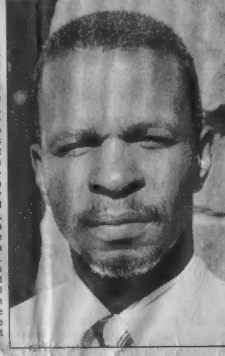
Urban kids set sail in Monmouth County



FREEHOLD — Leisurely paddling on the lake, youngsters from the county's urban communities enjoy a day at Turkey Swamp Park in Freehold. Canoeing and paddleboarding are just some of the activities the Monmouth County Park System offers through its Mobile Recreation Program. Throughout the summer, the Park System has provided recreational activities to local urban community summer camp programs and recreational organizations.

Miller named Chaplin at Bloomfield College

BLOOMFIELD — Michael St. Aubin Miller was recently named Bloomfield College Chaplin. Rev. Miller comes to Bloomfield from Jamaica, where he was a lecture in Theology and History of western Philosophy at United Theological College of the West Indies. Prior to that, Rev. Miller served as program coordinator of the International Students Center of the Claremont College in California. From 1984 to 1989, he participated in the Training Mission Program, sponsored by the Council for World Mission in London, England. Rev. Miller is an ordained minister of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Rev. Miller has served as pastor of the Hope United Church and the James Hill church of churches in Jamaica. For six years, he was chaplain at the University of the West Indies.



Coca-Cola's Ware earns the Lifetime Achievement Award



Carl Ware (right), senior vice president and African Group President of The Coca-Cola Company, receives the Kappa Alpha Psi Lifetime Achievement Award from Ronald R. Young, Grand Polemarch, at the fraternity's 74th Grand Chapter meeting in Atlanta. Ware, a long-time member and supporter of the fraternity, was recognized for more than 35 years of outstanding achievement and leadership in his corporate career and global community service. The theme for this year's "Meeting," which attracted thousands of members nationwide, was "Keeping the volunteerism flame burning."

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

NAACP WANTS ANSWERS IN CASE OF SIX MISSING BLACK ALABAMA CITIZENS

(NAPA) — The NAACP has asked Alabama law enforcement to step up its investigation of the disappearance of six adults last seen May 8 riding in a 1986 Chevrolet Caprice near Opp, Ala.

"Law enforcement is investigating the case, but we need more resources are needed," said Murre, who has assigned Nelson B. Rivers III, national director of field operations, to monitor the investigation. "We think that as a result of our involvement, authorities have stepped up their investigation. A car full of people can't just vanish into thin air. Somebody must know something."

Then, the Rev. P. Shanklin, NAACP state president, and other local officials met recently with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and Enterprise, Ala. police officials to discuss the case. Military personnel from Ft. Rucker have also participated in the search.

The victims have been identified as Eula Joseph Lee, 27; Lamar Jr. Lee, 26; Tammie Monique Ward, 26; Valeria Genietia McCoy, 27; Angela Roberts Young, 26; and James Anthony Reynolds, 28. The car they were in is described as faded maroon in color with an Alabama license plate number 34BM771. Anyone with information should call the Alabama Bureau of Investigation or the local police.

REV. JESSE JACKSON ENDORSES BOYCOTT AGAINST CROWN OIL

(NAPA) — In a joint press statement, PACE International Union, Rainbow/Push Coalition and the AFL-CIO announced that Rev. Jesse Jackson has endorsed the national boycott against the Baltimore-based Crown Central Petroleum Company for its alleged unfair treatment of workers and its unsafe environmental practices.

"We are asking consumers not to spend their dollars at Crown gasoline stations and convenience stores, until Crown stops its abuse of workers and addresses its race and gender problems," Rev. Jackson said.

The campaign against Crown Oil began in 1996 when 252 workers at its Pasadena, Texas refinery were removed from a contract negotiation affecting the one-third minority workforce. Since then, African-American and female employees have filed a discrimination lawsuit against the company.

MALAWIAN ARMY TO RECRUIT FIRST WOMEN SOLDIERS

LILONGWE (IPS) — According to Malawian army commander Lt. Gen. Joseph Chimba, members of the logistical, policy and financial issues surrounding the enlisting of women into the army ranks have been finalized.

The army plans to initially enlist 35 women out of the 500 recruits it wants to draft by December. According to Chimba, the young women will have the opportunity to work in every department except the combat division, as in the case in many countries.

DIALOGUE UNDERWAY AS REBELS IN CONGO SIGN PEACE ACCORD

KINSHASA (IPS) — With the signing of the Lusaka peace accord by 50 founding members of the Congolese Rally for Democracy (DRD), the war-weary Congolese people are beginning to believe that a meaningful dialogue between the warring factions can now take place.

Late last month, leaders of the RCD, the larger of the two rebel groups which it itself underwent a split, signed a cease-fire in the Zaire capital of Lusaka, more than 50 days after the six countries involved in the DRC war already approved it.

The agreement was ratified July 16 by President Laurent Desire Kabila and the leaders of Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe, who all sent troops to support Kabila, and by Rwanda and Uganda, who have fought the rebels. The cease-fire accords address an end to hostilities in the country.

Netaid aims to make a world of difference

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — First came "We Are the World," then "Live-Aid." Now there's www.netaid.org — a humanitarian initiative-meets-technology, to help combat worldwide poverty. From the powers that be, via satellite — President Bill Clinton, former South African President Nelson Mandela and Prime Minister Tony Blair to the hottest entertainers in the music industry — Wyclef Jean of the Fugees, Bono of U2, rocker David Bowie, Sean "Puffy" Combs and composer Quincy Jones, all gathered last week to launch the new website and to promote four global star-studded concerts all to be held on Oct. 9.

With three billion people in the world living on less than three dollars a day, according to Secretary General Kofi Annan of the United Nations, Netaid is a mechanism that will enable people to support those that are less fortunate.

It's geared to educate, inform and create hands on opportunities for people to unite the global village in a comprehensive and concerted effort to change the world leading into the 21st Century. The site is not solely about giving money, but to allow a person to learn about the many already existing organizations that's helping in the war on poverty, by engaging the individual to get involved.

The skills of individuals are equally as important as donat-

ing money, and through the site a resourceful linkage of people helping people can be established.

A promise to get the poorest countries wired and to erase the debt that some of these countries owe to the World Bank and other countries such as England, is also a built-in strategy of Netaid.

"We raised \$200 million with Live-Aid for Africa," Bono said. "But that's what Africa spends everyday to cover their debt. For every one dollar they take in they spend nine dollars. Harry Belafonte was the first person who talked to me about this. This is not just a warm fuzzy feeling, it's a hard reality, this thing. With this we're looking for \$200 billion to disburse the money to indebted countries."

Wyclef, who teamed up with Bono on the release of the "New Day" CD intended to help support the initiative, spoke poignantly about his involvement with Netaid.

"I was once a kid with no shoes, clothes or showers," said the Haiti native, who showered only when it rained. "But my grandfather said you can be anything."

"Through the Internet we can teach a lot of kids how to make money and to respect money," he said. "Through the Net we can educate. I give 100 percent to Netaid, and I'm proud to be here."

The site, which was created by Cisco Systems and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is a

The new Website www.netaid.org will debut on Oct. 9 along with four star-studded Netaid benefit concerts that will be broadcast from around the world.

A unique achievement, bringing together technology, artists and the U.N. The concerts, which will be aired on VH-1, MTV and the BBC are touting a gallery of stars. The New York area's concert, staged at Giants Stadium will feature Mary J. Blige, Bon Jovi, Busta Rhymes, Counting Crows, Wyclef Jean, Jimmy Fallon and friends, Puff Daddy, Sting with Cheb Mami and Zucchero.

For additional information telephone (212) 289-5900.



The Fugees' Wyclef Jean, with Bono of U2, collaborated on 'New Day' to help the 'netaid' initiative.

Political Congress of Black Women fetes great ladies

WASHINGTON — "Passing the Torch and Charting the Course to the Next Millennium" is the theme of The National Political Congress or Black Women Inc.'s (NPCBW) 15th Annual Branch and Biennial Convention that will take place from Sept. 18 through Sept. 22 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The Annual Branch on Sunday will honor living legend Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis. Mrs. Christine King Farris, the sister of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and special invited honoree First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Planned workshop sessions include panels on health care, jobs and training, welfare reform, the census, trade, affirmative action, educational and political parity, the criminal justice crisis, violence and imagery in entertainment and the media and the survival of the black family.

For additional information, call toll free 877-274-1198.

Ruby Dee

Ossie Davis

Christine King Farris

Dr. Dorothy I. Height

Reno to deport 15,000 Liberian refugees

(NAPA) — Thousands of Liberians living in the U.S. because of years of civil strife at home are closer to being deported, as a result of a decision last month by Attorney General Janet Reno ending their Temporary Protective Status (TPS), effective Sept. 28.

In her ruling, the Attorney General observed, "Although conditions in Liberia remain difficult, the overall situation is not sufficiently adverse to prevent most Liberians in the U.S. from returning to Liberia in safety." The TPS classification is granted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) by the Attorney General only to foreign nationals from countries with ongoing war or natural disaster.

For Liberian nationals and their supporters the issue is not only safety but the fact that many have established themselves in the U.S., bought homes, paid taxes, raised their children, many of them U.S. citizens, according to Joseph Korpe, president of the Union of Liberian Associations in America (ULAA). Furthermore, many believe that the sudden return of home of thousands of Liberians will upset the present weak and fragile Liberian economy.

President (Charles) Taylor sent a letter last year to President Clinton stating that it was not in the best interest of Liberia, at that time, to forcibly return her foreign nationals.

Problems in Liberia, founded as a colony for freed American slaves, have struck a nerve in the black community. Thousands turned out from across the country for a May 20 demonstration at the U.S. Capitol representing numerous civil rights, human rights, religious and political organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

Many organizations, such as the NAACP, Urban League, Congressional Black Caucus, Rev. Al Sharpton's (National Action Network) and many others are in support of the cause.

According to immigration lawyer Yvette Chesnow-Wareh, with the impending revocation of the TPS, the Liberians are looking to the Clinton administration to grant "Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) status until legislation can be passed giving them permanent resident status, similar to the situation with the Kosovar refugees. Two bills, HR919 and S656 have been introduced in congress by Rep. Patrick Kennedy and Sen. Byron Dorgan, both of Rhode Island, to this end.

"Republicans are not on board in support of the legislation, that's why it is so important for President Clinton to be so forthright in support of this," she said.

Attorney Chesson-Wareh said, "Dr. Robert Pritchard, president of the Pan-African-Pan-American Association, who has known President Taylor since the latter was a student in the U.S., said, "I

any decision yet." Siklo stated, "Dr. Robert Pritchard, president of the Pan-African-Pan-American Association, who has known President Taylor since the latter was a student in the U.S., said, "I

am supportive of Liberia or any other African country. They are our people and represent the rejection of slavery. Liberia is the first successful, democratic republic in Africa."

Unfortunately, it was set up with the same slave mentality and relationship with the indigenous people. What is happening was bound to happen and will not be solved overnight."



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Come and pretend

Another summer gone, and did you get your fun on? Hopefully not, but just in case you didn't come out and celebrate with a bang Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 21st Annual American Festivals taking place First, there's the Newark Festival of People and down the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel, there's the Festival of the Arts & Heritage of African Americans. It's important to note that the organizers of these events are not white people laboring tirelessly to organize these events. Why? Because we need to recognize, more importantly with children in tow, the greatness of our culture. At both events will be artists, entertainment, good food, shopping, books, and other goodies that our kids and adults will love. And if they're of age ones they can read. These are economical friendly family-style events. I had the opportunity to attend one last year, well, it was the best. I've even put a little cash to the side so I can support my brothers and sisters who want to have anything I've ever purchased at the mall. It wasn't all that long ago, when we used to come out in droves to support each other. But then came along the dawning of a new day — integration. What was supposed to be a good thing, no, a great thing over the years has segregated us amongst ourselves. We're a diluted version of what we used to be. When we didn't have nothing but each other, we were together — that's quite ironic. We received basic rights deserving to be like mankind, and what did we do — separate. The kindred spirit of helping, patronizing, and sharing was powerfully present not so long ago — "where did our love go?" Come out and look for it at one of the Festivals and pretend it's us against the world again and celebrate. And if you need to keep pretending right on through the 21st Century — the dawning of a new day!

"Return to Sing Sing"

By Dr. Manning Marable

In early 1998, I received an invitation from the Reverend George (Bill) Weeber of the New York Theological Seminary (NYTS) to speak at Sing Sing Prison, the infamous correctional facility only forty miles north of New York City. Weeber is a member of the NYTS's degree program, which Weeber had initiated back in 1982. Several weeks ago when I asked one of the lecturers to give me a tour of the facility, he said this year's class in the NYTS Master's program, I was eager to return.

Everything you have seen or have experienced can prepare you for the reality of Sing Sing prison. The prison itself seems literally carved out of the side of a massive cliff that stands just above the Hudson River. Parking is often difficult to find near the prison, so you have to walk a good distance before you come to the outer gate, the first of a series of razor sharp barriers. The main entrance is a remarkably small, compared to the vast size of the prison. Entering the front door, you find yourself in a room with several guards and a walk-through metal detector. Your clothing and other personal items are scanned by a metal detector. Permission to go inside the prison is severely restricted, and you must be approved through a review process well before your visit.

As you go walk through the prison, you go down a series of hallways separated by small confinements which have two sets of steel bars on either side, and secured by a prison guard. The guard must lock and secure the first door before you're permitted to walk through the second door. Because the prison is constructed on a side of a cliff there are also a series of steps that must be climbed to go from one area to another.

At the end of one hallway is Cell Block B. At one time, the guards informed me that Cell Block B was the most secure and the largest incarceration area of its kind in the world. Less than twenty years ago, the prison of Cell Block B somehow managed to overwhelm their guards, protesting inhuman conditions. For several days seventeen correctional officers were held as hostages. But in the end, the act of resistance was more symbolic than anything else, and a demand to be treated as a human being in an inhuman environment is to be a revolution.

I was taken to the rear sections of Sing Sing, which consist of religious quarters and chapels of different denominations. In a small classroom located in the NYTS program meets five days a week. About fourteen to sixteen inmates are admitted into the program every year, with a waiting

Strange justice for black Americans

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

If Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas thought he had heard the last of Anita Hill, he was wrong. The Showtime documentary, "Strange Justice" which aired recently again dredged up the dirty allegations of sexual harassment against Justice Thomas during his sex-charged Supreme Court confirmation hearings in 1991.

Justice John Hill charged Thomas, a prominent Black man, with sexual harassment, he instantly became America's poster boy for sexual misconduct. What Thomas had been a color-free gender issue was hijacked.

Sexual harassment and Thomas became generally linked in the public mind. After he finished taking the ceremonial oath of office at the court and walked down the marble steps, a small band of protesters booed him and shouted, "Down with the male Supremacy!"

Two years after his confirmation in 1991, Thomas was back on the sexual hot seat. It was still on "Strange Justice" that Wall Street Journal staff writers, Jane Myers and Jill Abramson, claim that Thomas has been sexually harassing women on the Judiciary Committee about his sexual conduct. They produced four women who claimed that Thomas had sexually harassed them. Thomas refused to respond. It was still their word against his.

Why did he drag this up more than two years after his confirmation? The writers claimed the point was to demonstrate that Thomas had been sexually harassing women with confidence and was not fit to serve on the bench. Thomas' critics did not need more unsubstantiated allegations by the media's supporters to agree with that.

Why didn't Myers and Abramson come on the Judiciary Committee suppressed testimony that would expose Thomas' duplicity on affirmative action? They didn't want to see discrimination, capital punishment and abortion rights?

While they were ripping Thomas a part, did they also con-

Time to talk reparations

By John William Templeton

When the Accra Declaration recently announced that the Western powers would pay \$77.7 trillion in reparations to Africans worldwide for various atrocities over the past 600 years, it was a non-starter in American media.

Racism is a taboo subject precisely because it opens the question of a remedy. However, the issue will not go away precisely because of the economic pressures being focused throughout the African Diaspora on welfare, or the in the United States, to the banana war decimating Caribbean farming, to the layoffs across Africa due to increasing gold and other commodity prices. In the very near future, the affected groups will be angry enough to seek some solutions previously thought too radical.

Most blacks assume they will never benefit because they are unaware of the legal precedents in international and American law on reparations. Many of those efforts are beginning to bear fruit.

And recently, the History Channel aired "The Night That Tulsa Burned," an account of the white massacre of the affluent Greenwood neighborhood in Tulsa in 1921. Legislative hearings on the riot recently held on survivors. This story had been hidden from even newspaper archives for 75 years. And, the NAACP Rep. John Conyers' long-stalled H.R. 40 to study reparations at its recent national convention.

Dr. Robert Brock, the Washington lawyer who actually won a federal judgment for reparations from the U.S. government in Ashton vs. IRS, has uncovered the actual legislation passed in 1961 by the U.S. Congress in 1967 by Rep. Thaddeus Stevens (D-Mass.) the architect of the 13th, 14th

and 15th Amendments. It can be found on his Web site: www.directblackaction.com. Brock's Self-Determination Committee is holding a conference on black reparations this month in Clarkston, Georgia near Atlanta at the African Spectrum Bookstore.

The location is so timely because Atlanta's affirmative action program has been attacked by the Southeastern Legal Foundation, for which Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell has "drawn a line in the sand." Georgia's Black Chamber of Commerce is threatening boycotts against the business supporters of the Foundation.

Mr. 25th President Andrew Johnson to steal the property of former Southern slaveholders and to use the proceeds to pay reparations to African slaves. The bill also provided 40 acres to each black male head of family.

And, that out of the lands thus seized and confiscated the slaves who have been liberated by the operations of African slaves. The bill also provided the constitution or otherwise, who resided in said "confederate States" on the 4th day of March, 1863, to the 1st day of January, 1865, shall have distributed to them as follows, namely: to each male person who is the head of a family, 40 acres of land, an adult male, whether the head of a family or not, forty acres, to each widow who is the head of a family, 40 acres of land, to be held by them in fee-simple, but to be inalienable for the next ten years after they become single.

"Make them independent of their old masters, so that they may not be compelled to work for their old masters, and to remove all this danger."

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Economic slavery—Still alive and well

By James Clugston

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was passed on Dec. 18, 1865. It reads as follows: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime where the party shall have been convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction."

In this context, the word "except" carries a great deal of weight. Early in Bill Clinton's presidency he proposed spending some \$20 billion on new jails. Prior to him, President George Bush was even more explicit in his "lock 'em up and throw away the key" bandwidth.

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An education for what?

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

We must take time out every now and then to redefine the real purpose of the institutions that affect us.

The political behavior of a certain sector of Africans in America is leading to a national arena should cause us to ask the question what is the real meaning of education?

In my judgment, the present established African-American educational leadership will never help us achieve the kind of social and economic progress we need to help liberate us from the oppression of white supremacy. It is the process of redefining the value of society, group, nation, race, or ethnic group. It is the method by which people are taught to develop a relationship to their families, communities, nation, race, and the world. Further, education defines the function of the individual and helps him become an active participant in the growth and development of a given society.

It is in this context that we understand that education is an important process in helping a people acquire power for the perpetuation of their interests. It should be obvious by now that most African children in America who attend the public schools of America are not receiving an education. At best it can be called training. That is, learning the basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic. In many instances, this kind of training is occurring on a very limited basis with African children in America.

It is important that we consider the role of education in the lives of our people. In helping us with this awesome problem of education that keeps Africans in a constant state of mental captivity.

Brother Woodson stated in his great book, published in 1933, "The Miseducation of the Negro," that, "The same educational process which inspires and stimulates the oppressor with the thought that he is everything and has accomplished everything worthwhile, depresses and crushes at the same time the spark of spirit in the negro by making him feel that his race does not amount to much and never will measure up to the standards of the white race." It made it clear that Africans in America educated in this manner are a hopeless liability to the race. This is at the heart of our educational problem today. Therefore, our task becomes

one of the continued struggle to reconceptualize the mission of education for our people. This reconceptualization must be rooted in the African tradition. Woodson set forth when he said, "The race will free itself from exploiters just as soon as it is able to free itself from its own exploiters. The task of the race is to accomplish this task for the race. It must plan and do for itself."

We will never acquire real power if this does not happen. Essentially, our mission should be that of establishing our own educational system based on creating a new educational ethos. The present ethos in this African children in America is that of a "lock up and throw away the key" bandwidth. Now we see that prison-building is at the head of profitable industries. The stock market is in the "lock up and throw away the key" bandwidth.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PISCATAWAY — Christ Church of Piscataway hosts game night. A night of clean fun and activities. 7:30 p.m. (732) 235-1220.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MONTCLAIR — The Parish Family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will hold Saturday evening mass. 6 p.m. (973) 744-1074.

PLAINFIELD — The St. Mary's R.C. Church will hold evening services. 5:30 p.m. (908) 756-1558.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEWARK — Christ Temple of Peace Deliverance Center will hold Saturday evening services. 5 p.m. (973) 922-3144.

RAHWAY — Ebenezer A.M.E. Church hosts a Annual Family and Friends Day. The church will celebrate its 173 year of service to the community. 11 a.m. (732) 388-2559.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

PLAINFIELD — The Gift of Love Outreach Ministries hosts "Women of Power Ministry Power Breakfast" at Temple Church of God in Christ. 9 a.m. (908) 769-6944.

PLAINFIELD — St. Mary's R.C. Church will hold evening prayer service. 5:30 p.m. (908) 756-1558.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

PISCATAWAY — Christ Church of Piscataway hosts a special prayer service. 7:30 p.m. (732) 235-1220.

BELLEVEILLE — Christ Episcopal Church presents "Hymn Festival". 7 p.m. (973) 751-0616.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEWARK — Gospel Outreach Team Ministry hosts a fund drive for the nation of Ghana. Call (973) 372-8896 for time and information.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

PRINCETON — First Baptist Community Development Corporation of Somerset hosts its annual gala at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. (732) 247-4592.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

HAWTHORNE — Hawthorne Gospel Church will host the 39th Annual Christian Ministries Convention through Oct. 23. Call 1-(800)-363-4410 for time and information.

The Mind-Body Connection

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"The Cartesian world view has shaped every aspect of our lives, holding that all things can be broken down into parts (the body is a group of atoms, (for example) which thereby enables us to believe that we can master each component and, subsequently, the whole. This word view has set up a world of either-ors-the dualism that has created such dangerous imbalance in our lives and the life of the planet," Philip John Neimark from "The Way of the Oris".

"One's susceptibility to disease changes as situations and circumstances change. Through the relatively new discipline of psychoneuroimmunology (the study of how the mind and emotions affect the nervous and immune systems) mainstream medicine has finally acknowledged that there is a relationship between mind and body and that they may have a significant effect on each other." Dr. Andrea D. Sullivan from "A Path To Healing".

The Western view of the universe was/is based upon a left brain cognitive orientation that dissects and compartmentalizes things into their smallest forms. That allows one to effectively analyze that particular part but at the same time prevents one from seeing the whole or understanding the picture.

The African world view results from a right hemispheric approach. Our ancestors viewed the universe as a unified whole. They studied parts of it to discern the nature of the whole. They literally formulated the maxim: "As above so below."

They astutely deduced that the physical world was an expression (out pressing) of the spiritual intelligence that created and undergirded it. They understood the intimate relationship between the Creator and all creation.

When Greeks like Hippocrates journeyed to Africa to study under the priests and healers they learned about the universal principle of Maat, as it applied to human optimal functioning. They termed it homeostasis. However, their left brain materialistic reasoning prevented them from comprehending the universe as a living organism, seeing Maat as a universal principle or understanding that oneness (infinite intelligence, creative spiritual energy and oneness) constantly strives for order, harmony and balance.

Africans also understood that the human body was a unified multifaceted system, an outgrowth of universal principles and that health was optimized by maintaining mental, emotional, spiritual and physical equilibrium. Now, thousands of years later, Western material-med-

ica finally acknowledges a connection between the physical and non-material aspects of our being.

Good health is our personal responsibility and obligation. Statistics reveal African Americans have a poorer quality of health and shorter life expectancy than their Euro-American counterparts. Ironically, most of the causes of poor health and premature death in our community are self-induced!

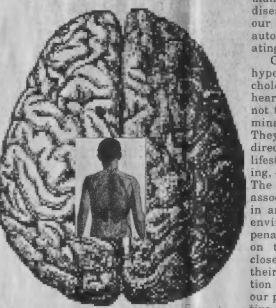
Aside from environmental factors which are directly related to societal racism - toxic dumps and industrial pollutants located in or near African-American communities - most of the diseases that plague our community are autogenic or self-generating in nature.

Cancer, diabetes, hypertension, harmful cholesterol levels and heart disease are often not the result of contaminants or microbes. They are usually a direct result of our own lifestyle choices - smoking, drinking, drugging. The negative stresses associated with living in an oppressive social environment that penalizes or rewards us on the basis of how closely we emulate their left brain orientation to life undermines our personal and collective sense of being.

The constant anxiety and uncertainty of our own terms triggers our body's fight-flight mechanism which is designed to kick in during isolated situations not on a continuous basis. The elevated levels of hormones produced during those times within our bodies can and do cause damage to both the psyche (mind-emotions) and soma (body). We are literally killing ourselves softly with our own thoughts, emotions and behaviors.

Optimal health is a holistic process. It starts with your mental attitude. Create a more positive self-image of yourself by visualizing yourself successfully facing and overcoming life's obstacles and challenges.

Develop an enhanced sense of personal confidence and competency. Don't try to be perfect, just do your best! Accept and love yourself.



Rescue House of Prayer youth orchestra receives \$25,000 award

Newark, NJ - The Association of Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) and the Turrell Fund recently awarded The Rescue House of Prayer Youth Orchestra, a program supported by the Rescue House of Prayer Church in South Plainfield will receive the S. Whitney Landon Memorial 1999 Friend of Children Award.

The Award annually recognizes an outstanding non-profit program for children in Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union counties. This year, the Award was given to the Rescue House of Prayer Youth Orchestra for their commitment to positive youth development by imparting a child's life with self-esteem and earning through the Orchestra. Music education teaches discipline, teamwork and keep children focused in a productive activity.

"Although we always felt that we were helping children in many more ways than just musically, never in a million years

could we conceive that anyone else would consider our work so favorably, especially not to this extent. Knowing that we have actually been selected as this year's recipients, we are nothing short of overwhelmed. We will be eternally grateful to ACNJ and the Turrell Fund for finding us worthy of such an outstanding gift. It is with humble and genuine appreciation that we say, "Thank you," said Kathy Davidson, the orchestra's founder and director.

The 1999 Friend of Children Award gives special recognition to programs that have enhanced the quality of life for babies, children, or adolescents, and their families in their neighborhood, community or state through programs designed to meet the growing challenges facing those individuals, as a result of the changes brought about by Work First New Jersey proposals.

For more information or directions, call ACNJ at 973-643-3578 or 908-755-1896.

Women 'Release Your Power Gift' at Power Breakfast

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

Come and experience (GMP) God's Miraculous Power - Evangelist Barbara Booker of Gifts Of Love Outreach Ministries will let her gift of love soar at Women of Power Ministry Power Breakfast happening September 25, at 9 a.m. at the Temple Church of God in Christ located at 660 E. Sixth St., Plainfield.

Desired to be an inspirational morning, the theme of the event "Releasing Your Power Gifts" will begin with a one-hour prayer, followed by breakfast at 10 a.m., and we're not talking a continental breakfast, but one that's sure to be taste-bud enticing, along with a meaningful skit. The mission of the morning is to empower women, according to Pastor Booker - and all the inspirational fellowship and food is free.

"It's overwhelming to see God's women heal and that He's moving and this proves to me that God is real," said Pastor Booker. "I want to relate the experiences I've had in my life. I want to teach women that you can rise up - you don't need a man or drugs all you need to do is depend on God." The theatrical skit to be performed will encourage mothers to allow their daughters to release their gifts. "I needed them to see more visually. I want the mothers to remember what this skit is all about. The skit will also incorporate some good old singing."

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Local Briefs

State plans special inspections of day care centers

TRENTON (AP) — The state plans to inspect 347 day care centers over the next two months to make sure there are no dangerous or unsanitary conditions in the nurseries where thousands of poor children will be cared for this fall. Gov. Christie Whitman said the inspections came after local school officials complained about the condition of some of the buildings to be used for the program. "When we find the physical space is not appropriate, we will intercede, and we will help," she said. The state-funded preschool program is scheduled to begin next week in 28 communities. The state is under a court order to make sure preschool is available to up to 46,000 three- and four-year-olds. The governor said \$3.541 slots have been allotted, and promised more space will be found if it is needed. Most of those spaces are in traditional day care centers. The program will cost \$276 million this year.

Gas leak forces 100 to flee in Newark

NEWARK (AP) — A construction crew doing some road work accidentally struck a line, causing a gas leak that forced the evacuation of about 100 people Saturday morning, police said. Sgt. Derek Glenn said workers from M.J. Hoag Contracting of Kenilworth were working at the intersection of Clinton and Beaver streets when they accidentally struck a valve on an underground gas main and pulled it loose just after 8 a.m. A large apartment building and several homes and businesses had to be evacuated, but some people were being allowed back into the area by midday. Traffic was diverted from Clinton and some nearby streets. The city fire department and Public Service Electric & Gas sent emergency workers to the scene. No injuries were reported. Glenn said the contractor had notified PSE&G of its work in advance, and utility employees had marked off the location of underground utility lines. But he said construction workers apparently "were a little bit off" in where they dug and hit the gas main.

Newark Festival Of People returns with a stellar roster of activities, attractions

NEWARK — Thousands are expected to journey to Newark on Saturday, September 18th, for the 14th Annual Newark Festival of People — a day-long celebration of the Renaissance City's diverse ethnic culture. Newark's burgeoning arts district will be the backdrop for continuous live music performances, health aid education seminars, arts and crafts vendors. The Festival site will encompass Military Park, PSE&G Plaza, Joseph G. Minish Park on the Riverfront, Park Plaza, East Park Street and Center Street.

"One of Newark's greatest assets is its ethnic diversity," points out Newark Mayor Sharpe James. "This Festival showcases the best of what our neighborhoods have to offer, and it reveals to visitors many of the rare cultural traditions that make Newark such an interesting place to live and work."

According to volunteer Vice Chairman, Amy Jones, the Festival's overall purpose is to share Newark's cultural trends and information to a broad cross-section of people, both in Newark and surrounding towns.

"People are surprised by the rich blend of cultures that come from Newark," Jones says.

"The range of music styles, diverse cuisines and clothing fashions — this town is a genuine cultural melting pot."

Newark's sports scene is heating up, and the Festival will take advantage of the momentum by hosting a Sports Fair. Here, youth can sign up for participation in neighborhood sports leagues, sharpen their skills at basketball, baseball and soccer or meet nationally recognized sports celebrities.

Would-be artists visiting the Festival can lend a hand in creating a public art mural using paint and found objects. The piece will be created on sidewalks and will depict cultural unity.

"The mural is a delightful way of incorporating our visitors into the spirit of the Festival,"

notes Jim Dickson. "We are encouraging everyone to join us."

One of the Festival's biggest attractions is its massive vendor bazaar. Visitors will be amazed at the variety of crafts, art and merchandise available. As in past years, there will be craftspeople and merchants offering art, native fabrics, exotic jewelry and rare music recordings from Africa, the Caribbean, Portugal, Italy and Spain.

Bazaar vendors will also offer ethnic foods from their native lands. Visitors can expect to discover soul food dishes from the American South, Italian pastas and pastries, Caribbean delicacies and classic Portuguese entrees that have become a legendary part of Newark lore.

Prudential will again sponsor a health and nutrition exhibit at the Festival, featuring on-site health screening stations and registration opportunities for health services. Healthcare professionals will offer information on leading trends and issues concerning diet exercise and nutrition.

Since the Festival is a showcase of Newark's neighborhoods, it will present a Jigsaw Exhibit Showcase, which is a combined exhibition by local merchants, non-profits, community development corporations and government agencies. Leaders from these organizations will share their goals and accomplishments — showing Newark's social and economic progress.

"This exhibit reveals the inner-working of Newark's communities," Dickson observes.

Visitors will be surprised to learn just how much goes on in this city each day.

The economic recovery in Newark is opening the doors to new business opportunities and jobs. Some of these opportunities will be available, as employers will set up on-site recruiting stations. Local residents seeking jobs will be able to meet with employers.

The Festival hosts an education fair with news and information on educational opportunities for everyone from toddlers to adults. There



Two musicians take a break from performing at a recent Newark Festival of People. This year's event offers a day packed with more live performances.



A youngster has her face painted at a recent Newark Festival of People celebration. This year's event will have plenty of attractions for kids.

will be day care center exhibits staffed with professionals to provide information on the area's leading pre-school programs. Parents can sign up for educational services for their children, and receive information at on-site education seminars. For adults seeking career training or college admission, there will be important information provided by local continuing education programs, community colleges and universities.

12th Annual African American Festival growing in Holmdel

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

"The Festival of the Arts and Heritage of African Americans kicks-off Saturday Sept. 18, at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey. In its 12th season, this year's Festival looking to entertain over 6000 people is touted as the largest African-American Festival in the state.

Featured will be an array of Afrocentric activities including a Gospel Extravaganza, a rap show, r a p artists, health f a i r, youth activi-

ties, jazz and steel bands, a l o n g Soul Generation with local recording artists and dancers. Jason "Malletman" Taylor (musician), Phillip Jennings (magician) Pizzaz, the Winfree Duo and Base Harmony. Minister Robert B. Robinson, Sr. will MC the Gospel Extravaganza.

And what would a festival be without food? Incomplete. There will be over 150 food and arts vendors. And do check out the fried fish vendor a real treat. Craft artists from Senegal, Gambia, Kenya, South Africa, Jamaica, Haiti as well as African American artists will dazzle shoppers with their wares, along with a fashion show featuring a collection by Seventh Avenue designer Eric Malik.

Advance tickets are \$6 (\$8 on day of festival); children's tickets are \$3 (6-12 years old); children under 8 will be admitted free. For tickets or information contact Avery Grant (732) 229-9359 or the Chairperson Shirley Macen (732) 566-2407.



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'Enter the Millennium Tour'

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — With his first "7th on Sixth" runway show ever, Eric Malik proved not only does he belong in the couture arena, but that he's on target with what the 21st Century man is looking to achieve in fashion utility and everyday sophistication.

Showcasing his Spring 2000 collection, Malik featured clean relaxed linen separates and cool silk knit tops along with drawstring cargo pants, mandarin collars, and unstructured suits. And just in case you missed his debut "7th on Sixth" show in New York, where fashion rules, Malik is kicking off a six-city "Enter the Millennium Tour," at this year's African American Heritage Festival on September 18, at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, exit 116 on the Garden State Parkway.

He's bringing along a few friends of his, too. The voice behind the Eric Malik Collection, celebrity make-up artist, and fashion commentator extraordinaire, Tamika Riley (TR1), is sure to entertain the audience. Newark's own Eric Williams, a by product of Malcolm X Shabazz High School and Providence College now back with the Boston Celtics, will be a feature celebrity model. The tour will then move on to BET's Sound Stage in Washington D.C. on September 29.

Targeting the business man looking for a relaxed look as well as the younger man looking for a more sophisticated look, Malik unequivocally captures the transition from boys to men. Indeed.



Newark's own Eric Williams of the Boston Celtics wears Eric Malik. A celebrity model on the tour.



The Spring 2000 Collection by Eric Malik. Model wears an easy like Sunday morning natural linen look. Photos by Paolo Tinto



A baby blue linen shirt with coordinating blue window pane linen check slacks, makes for a temptures rising look.



Tamika Riley Inc., not only is she a corporation, but she's a hot commodity as a fashion coordinator and commentator, a celebrity make-up artist and the inimitable voice behind the Eric Malik Collection. Photo by Billy Jones



Oversized but not sloppy. Malik's au courant approach in tune with the time is finessed just right.

The 42nd Annual Ebony Fashion Fair comes to town



(L-r) Puckered three quarter length coat of turquoise and silver by french designer Carven. Japan's Hanse Mori designs this all-over bugle beaded silk rib-knit tube dress with asymmetrical feathered neckline.

Known throughout the world over, Ebony Fashion Fair is a theatrical, dazzling, showstopper in the world of fashion. Featuring world renowned haute couture designers, the show's reputation precedes the actual event. And if you've never attended one, you're missing a spectacular fashion show. The group continually sponsors a variety of fund raisers that initially allow them to benefit the community via sponsorship of holiday, year-round community and youth activities, and services at the Central Ward Unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, originally where it all began.

During the gala evening event, the organization takes the opportunity to recognize an individual from the community-at-large whose own activities, either through career or volunteerism, are notable. That person is honored with the title of "Honorary Chairperson" of the Ebony Fashion Fair and receives a commemorative award. Some of the past honorees have included: Geraldine Foushee - Essex County Warden, Rolanda Watts, talk show host and network anchor, along with the late State Sen. Wynona Lipman as well as others.

Other Ebony Fashion Fair Tour Dates include:

September 18
The Expo Theater
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Hispanic Heritage Month

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Bega's Debut Album 'Mambo No. 5' storms to top of charts



NEW YORK — Remember the "Macarena"? Get ready to "Mambo." From RCA Records, the label that brought you both "Dirty Dancing" and the Macarena comes the latest global phenomenon. Lou Bega's "Mambo No. 5" is seducing listeners around the world, where it tops the charts in 15 countries and is now setting its sights on conquering America. The single has already topped two million in worldwide sales — a million in Germany alone — where the double-platinum hit has topped the country's pop charts for weeks. Due to the demand, Bega's debut album, "A Little Bit of Mambo," includes the international sensation, which hit retail shelves last month.

American radio is already doing the "Mambo," making the record No. 1 Most Added at Top 40, as Americans discover something Europe has already found out for themselves. "The 'Mambo' is back."

Bega himself cuts a suave and debonair figure, bringing back the romance to pop with his pin-stripe suit, polka-dot pocket handkerchief, spit-polished spats and Beresford hat, a throwback to the "true gentlemen" of the '30s and '40s. The son of a Ugandan father and Sicilian mother, he incorporates elements of Afro-Cuban rhythms, swing, soul and hip-hop into his music, with a nod towards his idol Perez Prado, the Cuban Mambo King on such unabashedly buoyant and keep-me-smiling "Get a Girl" and "Baby Keep Me Smiling."

The self-admitted admirer of women ("Mambo No. 5" pays tribute to Monica, Erica and Rita, among others) seems well to be arriving on these shores to hit the talk-show circuit on the "Regis & Kathie Lee" and "Ricki Lake" shows this month, with press already including an endorsement from Rolling Stone's "On The Radio" column and USA Today's "New Music."

"There is nothing better than to go out and dance the mambo," enthuses Bega. "With the right partner at the right time, it is America. LET'S GET READY TO MAMBO."

The Newark Public Library's potpourri lineup celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

NEWARK — The Newark Public Library announced its schedule of free programs for its Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The programs, which run from mid-September through the beginning of November. The celebration begins with an Opening Reception on Thursday, September 16, and formally opens the accompanying exhibition, "Habla una vez y dos son tres: Hispanic Children's Literature in the U.S." which runs from mid-September through the beginning of November. The evening's gala, which begins at 6 p.m., includes remarks by Teresa Mlawer, President of Lectorum Publications, Inc. the largest Spanish-language book distribution company in the United States; musical entertainment by Robinson Rivera, performance artist and co-winner of WJNN Network's 1999 Hispanic Youth Showcase; and refreshments. Mrs. Mlawer will talk about the explosion in Hispanic children's literature and publishing in the United States during the last 15 years.

"Habla una vez y dos son tres: Hispanic Children's Literature in the U.S." will be installed from September 16 through November 18 in the main library's second floor gallery. The exhibition comprises books, photographs, original prints and posters relating to the history and future of writing and publishing for Hispanic youth in the United States. It was curated by Ina Rimpau, Community Library Services librarian at the Newark Public Library. Ms. Rimpau manages the children's Spanish-language collection in the Library's Sala Hispanoamericana.

The exhibition will be on display during library hours: from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays; from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In addition to the opening reception, the schedule of free cultural programs includes a "meet the author" program for children where Dan Figueroa, author of "When This World as New," and Amelia Lau Canning, author of "Mama & Papa Have a Store" will read their stories and chat with the audience; an arts and crafts workshop where kids will learn to design and make their own pinatas; the screening of a series of short films written and produced by area high- and junior high school students; a panel presentation and panel forum on the civil disturbances around the Newark Puerto Rican community in 1974. All programs are free and open to the public. Following is a listing of calendar events.

SEPTEMBER

16 at 6 p.m.: Opening Reception for Hispanic Heritage celebration and exhibition.

21 at 6 p.m.: "Conversations for the New Millennium." Join an informal Spanish-language roundtable discussion group on a variety of esoteric themes.

25 at 2 p.m.: Kids Meet the Author: "A New Place to Call Home." He came to a cold and uncertain New York from a warm Caribbean island. Her family fled a war in China and opened a general store in colorful Guatemala City. Come meet two new children's authors: hear them read their stories and chat about their lives. 2 p.m.

OCTOBER

2 at 2 p.m.: Arts & crafts workshop: Children design and make their own small pinatas.

9 at 2 p.m.: "The World According to Youth: Newark and New York Latinos Making Movies." Screening of a series of short films written and produced by area high- and junior high school students.

16 at 6:30 p.m.: "Twenty-five Years Later: A Look at the Newark Puerto Rican Civil Disturbances of 1974." A panel presentation and public forum on the events of Labor Day week 1974 in Newark.

21 at 6 p.m.: "Bridging the gap between parents and children." Spanish-language parenting workshop focusing on the development of effective communication skills and setting common goals.

For more information, call the library's Sala Hispanoamericana at (973) 733-7772.

Museum of the City of New York hosts Americanos

NEW YORK — The Museum of the City of New York will host an exhibit in celebration of Latin Heritage Month. The exhibit, entitled "Americanos: Latino Life in the U.S.," will look at life of Latinos in America through captivating self-portraits and images by 30 of the nation's top photographers. Organized into

thematic groupings of family, children and youth, labor, community and the arts, the exhibit runs from September 25-January 2, 2000. The Museum of the City of New York is located at 1220 Fifth Ave. New York, NY. For more information on this event, call (212) 534-1672.

NJPAC and World Festival III presents a LATIN JAZZ FEST



Pianists (l-r) Chucho Valdes and Danilo Perez usher in World Festival III at NJPAC

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center opens its World Festival III Vision of New Worlds-Spanish Routes and Rhythms, with a LATIN JAZZ FESTIVAL, featuring two acclaimed ensembles: The Chucho Valdes Quintet and The Danilo Perez Trio — and special guest artists, Friday October 1, 1999 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall. World Festival III: Visions of New Worlds-Spanish Routes and Rhythms, is a year-long series of events that celebrate the diverse art and culture of the Spanish-speaking world, and explores cross-cultural connections with the Portuguese and Pan-African works presented during NJPAC's two previous seasons: The Latin Jazz Festival is part of the AT&T Presents Artist Series. This performance

is also sponsored by Pfizer. The World Festival III is sponsored in part by American Express. According to "Jazziz" magazine, Jesus "Chucho" Valdes is "the most complete pianist in the world." Cuba's most renowned jazz musician can drive an impatient crowd of dancers into a frenzy, play the complex rhythms of Cuba's African religious traditions, perform the classics with impeccable technique and solo in any jazz style you can name. In 1978, during a brief thaw in relations between the U.S. and Cuba, Irakere, the now-legendary group that he founded, transformed popular Cuban music, becoming the first modern Cuban group signed to a U.S. label. Columbia released his debut album won a Grammy,



which was presented to them 15 years later. In 1997, he was the featured pianist with Roy Hargrove's all-star Cristol project, where recording "Habana" won a Grammy in 1998. In recent years Valdes has been focusing his time and energies on developing his solo piano career. His most recent release on EMI/Blue Note is Bele Bele en La Habana. Supporting Valdes on this recording are three of Cuba's strongest powerhouse younger generation musicians: bassist Alain Perez, percussionist Roberto Vizcaino and drummer Raul Pinela. In his short career, pianist Danilo Perez has developed a distinctive, organic sound that combines elements of jazz, Latin American and classical music. He has a broad, Pan-American

approach to music that draws from Cuba and Brazil but also from the cultures of Argentina, Peru and his native Panama. On his most recent release, Central Avenue (Impulse), Perez stretches this concept by including elements of flamenco, Indian and Middle Eastern music, while keeping the music solidly grounded in jazz. "Central Avenue is the central artery in Panama City, a place where a lot of cultures mix," says Perez, explaining the title of his latest album. "I wanted this record to reflect that world — a common ground where different musical styles could join together." Central Avenue was hailed as "One of the Year's Ten Best Records" by a variety of publications, including Time Magazine, The Washington Post and Billboard.

Hispanic Heritage Awards televised on NBC honors youth



Joseph Puma of New York City wins arts award

WASHINGTON — Far from the countries where they claim their heritage, six American high school students, will soon be in the national spotlight. These accomplished young people are headed to Ivy-League colleges, editing their high school newspapers, playing varsity sports and setting records, all while serving their communities. They are all-American students who have just learned that they have won the coveted Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards. Soon they will be on a plane to the nation's capital where they will appear on national television and meet a host of celebrities and Hispanic leaders at the annual Hispanic Heritage Awards ceremony and gala in The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, on September 14th (airing nationally on NBC on October 2nd).

Raul Tapia, Chairman of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, the nation's most prestigious organization promoting Hispanic excellence, recently announced the names of these national winners of the 1999 Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards. "It was difficult to select the national winners in each of the five categories: Leadership, Arts, Literature/Journalism, Academic Excellence and Sports — from the impressive line up of regional winners," said Tapia. "The Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation is proud to be able to recognize these young Latinos who will surely be tomorrow's leaders."

The 1999 national Hispanic Heritage Youth Honorees are: •Michelle Mayurga, Westover High School, Miami, for Leadership and Community Service. She'll be attending Yale University this fall.

•Joseph Puma, Maria Valle High School, New York City, for the Arts. He is also Yale bound.

•Claudia Patricia MacMaster, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Miami, for Literature/Journalism. She has been to University of Florida.

•Jasmine Vallejo, Grace Dodge High School, Bronx, New York, for Academic Excellence. She is headed to Brandeis University.

•Magdalena and Adolfo Lara, Barnhart High School, Denver; co-winners for Sports. National and regional His-

panic Heritage Youth Awards recipients were selected for their personal qualities, strengths and goals, significance of their heritage, accomplishments in their chosen discipline and their community service. The Hispanic Heritage

Award Foundation (HHAFF) was established 13 years ago to promote Hispanic excellence, provide a greater understanding of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and provide role models to inspire youth.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

NUTLEY — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Nutley Chapter of the American Red Cross 3 p.m. 1-(800)-BLOOD-NJ.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

SADDLE BROOK — The Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation offers a support group for those suffering from ALS 7 p.m. (973) 243-8950.

MONTGOMERY — The Carner Clinic Foundation hosts a discussion on temperamental behavior entitled "Pushing the Edges of My Envelope" 12 p.m. (908) 261-1451.

PLAINFIELD — The Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center offers a support group for men living with prostate cancer 7 p.m. (908) 568-2398.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center hosts a health discussion with the Plainfield Hospital on "The Elderly and the Health and Abilities in Seniors" 11 a.m. (908) 733-3506.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center will offer free blood pressure readings for seniors 10 a.m. (908) 733-3505.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WEST ORANGE — The Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, Inc. hosts a conference on brain injury 9:30 p.m. (973) 243-6612.

NEW YORK — The Sickle Cell Advocates for Research and Empowerment host the Second Annual "Have a Sickle Cell Walk-a-Thon" at the Central Park 9 a.m. (718) 884-9570.

CRANFORD — Parents for Deaf Awareness hosts a discussion on deaf students entitled "Rethinking the Education of Deaf Students" at the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College 10 a.m. (973) 478-0564.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for breast cancer survivors 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

PLAINFIELD — The Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center offers a support group for people living with HIV 7 p.m. (908) 568-3091.

GREENBROOK — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County will hold a blood drive at their Green Brook Regional Center 4:30 p.m. (908) 756-6414.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CRANFORD — Gerry Conney, Leslie Kay Sterling, & Keith Coulouros lead walkers in Americas Walk For Diabetes. The walk will take place at the homeopathic Park in Cranford 11 a.m. (800) 254-WALK for time and information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

PLAINFIELD — Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center offers free blood pressure screenings 4 p.m. (908) 568-2555.

EDISON — The JFK Medical Center offers a class to parents thinking of adoption 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course on grandparenting 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a conference aimed at assuring individuals with chronic diseases a culturally linguistically competent health care environment 8 a.m. (732) 745-8654.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a support group for families experiencing the death of a baby before or after birth 7:30 p.m. (201) 833-3058.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

BELLE MEAD — The Carner Foundation hosts a free program to help caregivers of older adults cope with the challenges of day-to-day caring at the foundation's Counseling Center 6:30 p.m. 1-(800)-933-3579.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

CRANFORD — The American Heart Association's American hosts "Step Out, Save Lives" Walk at Union County College Call (732) 921-2610 for time and information.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

NEW YORK — The C.J. Foundation for AIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) hosts a symposium on the disease in Times, Inc. Building 8 a.m. (212) 706-9727.

Cablevision to air program on African-American women and AIDS

NEWARK — Despite the approach of the new millennium, the HIV/AIDS crisis still remains a prevalent threat to American society — especially those in the African American community. As a result, the African American Women United Against AIDS organization, in conjunction with Bundy Productions and Newark's Cablevision Channel 3, announce the of a provocative made-for-cable special that re-examines this immediate health crisis — its devastating effect on the black community — and the tremendous struggles of African American women living with this deadly disease.

The half-hour special entitled, African American Women United Against AIDS Report, will air Monday, September 20, 8 p.m. on Cablevision-TV Channel 3. Hosted by noted commentator Al Bundy, the program will feature in-depth personal interview segments, along with an informative discussion by a distinguished panel of experts on the personal and social issues surrounding this serious disease.

Panel guest for the program include Denise L. Wright,



Noted commentator and producer Al Bundy hosts TV health forum on women this month
Ph.D., Chief of Research Operations, Mind Matters Consult-

ing Group, Washington DC; Cynthia Y. Paige, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark; Michelle Anderson, MSW and Coordinator of Counseling Services for Planned Parenthood of Metro New Jersey and Faye Zealand's Assistant Director, St. Claire's AIDS Resource Foundation for Children in Newark.

Throughout the program Bundy reporter and show commentator Cary L. Willis will present candid and insightful interviews with three women who have contracted, and are now living with AIDS. The interviews, along with commentary from the clinical expert, address a variety of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS including methods of contracting the disease, handling disclosure and negative stigma, the importance of family support and counseling prevention strategies and available community support services.

Host/Producer, Al Bundy is enthusiastic about the program's offer on the African American community. "Our primary goal here is to further

educate the community, especially young minority women to the fact that the AIDS program still exists," Bundy said. "By examining the alarming statistics of minorities contracting HIV/AIDS, the program attempts to help women recognize the risk factors and take preventive action to protect themselves and their families from this deadly virus," he continued.

Funding for the project was provided through a grant from the Cable Positive Tony Cox Fund for HIV/AIDS Awareness. The program was produced by Bundy Productions and Cablevision Channel 3 and will be available for statewide distribution. A repeat broadcast of the special is scheduled to air September 22, 1999 at 10:30 p.m.

The African American Women United Against AIDS organization is a Trenton based special interest group whose mission is to mobilize and support federal, state and local efforts to combat AIDS, HIV, STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) and other related issues affecting people of Color.

For more information, call (973) 648-0561.

Monmouth County teen anti-smoking campaign in full swing

FREEHOLD, NJ — The campaign to combat the rising use of tobacco among teenagers in Monmouth County went on the offensive this week. The Monmouth County Tobacco Coalition began the distribution of packets of information designed to help teenagers look their dependence on tobacco in just four weeks. The program, called "Teen FreshStart," developed by the American Cancer Society, is a straightforward, no-nonsense quit smoking program consisting of 8 one-hour sessions held during a 4 week period. It contains elements that help smokers stop and remain off cigarettes.

The Coalition is a partnership between the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the American Cancer Society, of Shrewsbury, Substance Abuse Resources, of Oakhurst, and the Monmouth County Medical Society.

Many of the reasons to stop smoking are of particular importance to teens: smoking turns teeth and fingers yellow gives hair, clothes and breath an unpleasant smell and causes premature wrinkling of the skin, according to the American Cancer Society. Also, one-pack-a-day smokers spend an average of \$1200 annually on tobacco products.

More important, the death rate from heart disease is twice as high among smokers as non-smokers. Smokers lose an average of 12 years of life due to the habit.

"Quitting now is the smart thing to do," said Freeholder Amy H. Handlin, Chairperson of the Coalition, "87% of all lung cancer cases are attributed to cigarette smoking, resulting in about 160,000 deaths per year."

"Despite an ever growing awareness of the dangers of tobacco, today 4.5 million children between the ages of 12 and 17 are smokers," Freeholder Handlin said. Handlin, who is an associate professor at Monmouth University, said that more than 35% of high school seniors are smokers.

"Studies have found that the use of tobacco begins during the formative teenage years when children are most susceptible to the allure of tobacco advertising," she said.

Persons and/or organizations interested in obtaining information or joining the "Teen FreshStart" campaign are asked to call the American Cancer Society, at 732-753-8220, or the Substance Abuse Resources, at 732-663-1800.

The program also tries to inform upon merchants their obligation to comply with existing laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to children. Merchants will be asked to take a pledge affirming their commitment not to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18 years. Participating merchants will be named, "Heroes of Monmouth County."

Project HOPE educates a coalition to combat substance abuse

NEWARK — On a daily basis, communities across the country are witnessing the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse. To help families in Newark and surrounding communities who are fighting the constant presence of drugs in their neighborhoods, the Saint Barnabas Health Care System is working with Newark church and community leaders to provide a unique new substance abuse education program called Project HOPE (Helping Others, People Excel). Project HOPE provides training to recognize the warning signs of addiction and the skills to counsel those in need.

During the last year more than 250 clergy, church members and community leaders have successfully completed Project HOPE substance abuse training which was held at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

The concept of Project HOPE originated more than two years ago during a series of meetings between Newark ministers and Saint Barnabas Health Care System President and CEO Ronald J. Del Mauro after Newark Beth Israel Medical Center became an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. "At that time, the ministers requested education for their parishioners that would enable them to identify the signs of substance abuse," Mr. Del Mauro said. "We recognized an opportunity for Saint Barnabas Health Care System to collaborate with the ministers in developing this training program."

First, focus groups were held to determine the needs of the people in the community, including what they wanted to learn about substance abuse. After a pilot program was held at the Good Neighbor Baptist Church in Newark's South Ward, two educational tracks were created. The first 8-week course, which was held in spring 1998, provided a basic overview of the signs of substance abuse for the layperson. The second course, held this spring, was an advanced track for ministers of who are working toward various alcohol and substance abuse certifications.

The courses were developed by Connie Greene, Director of Program Development, The Institute for Prevention, Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network, with start-up funding provided by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. "In order to effect measurable outcomes in the community participants need to understand the dynamics of addiction, along with the signs, symptoms and progression of the disease," Ms. Greene said. "It is gratifying to see so many people from the community who are personally committed to battling substance abuse."

On June 24, a graduation ceremony was held at Newark Beth Israel for more than 60 people who completed their training. The individuals who received certificates at the ceremony attended approximately 15 weeks of all-day Saturday sessions, and each received the necessary credits to apply for certification in Pastoral Clergy Counseling in Addiction

and, it gives them additional credit toward Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling (CADC). The next phase of Project HOPE will provide more education, the recent graduates, possibly including internships, in order for them to meet the academic requirements of CADC.

"Project HOPE is an example of our system truly working with our neighbors in Newark. Together, we have created something that this community have been looking for," said Jeannine LaBrie, Vice President for Government Relations for the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.



Lorraine Agidigli, graduate; Mark Prowe, M.A. dir. of Behavioral Health; Connie Greene, dir. program development; Donald Bradley, Newark Council President; Alma Beatty, assist. v.p. community relations at Beth Israel

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Ronny Whyte and bassist Boots Malone through Sept. 18-8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK — B.B. King comes to the Beacon Theater with his blues festival. 8 p.m. (212) 496-7070.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents singer Jackie Jones, part of the Friday Night Jazz Series. 7 p.m. (973) 242-8012.

MAHWAH — Ramapo College presents the Mississippi Charles Bevel Band at the Angelica and Russ Berle Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. 8 p.m. (201) 684-7602.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WATCHUNG — The Watchung Arts Center presents the Harmonic sounds of Harmonytrix. 8 p.m. (908) 753-0190.

EAST ORANGE — Imani Baptist Church of Christ presents an artist show featuring local African American artist at the Clara Beattell Fellowship Center. 2 p.m. (973) 678-7222.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents Gene Phipps, part of the Bright Moments Sunday Jazz Series. 11 a.m. (973) 242-8012.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Joanne Bradwell and bass player Cecil McBee through Sept. 25-8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents the Yoron Israel Connections Band, part of the Friday Night Jazz Series. 7 p.m. (973) 242-8012.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MAHWAH — The Ramapo College Arts Department presents the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars at the Angelica and Russ Berle Center for Performing and Visual Arts. 8 p.m. (201) 684-7602.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Jay Leno live, with music from The Second Anniversary Gala Celebrating NJPAC's Second Anniversary with an evening hosted by America's king of comedy who welcomes a variety of special music guests. 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GONJAPAC.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents the Roy Croese Trio, part of the Bright Moments Sunday Jazz Brunch. 11 a.m. (973) 242-8012.

RAHWAY — The Arts Guild of Rahway hosts an art exhibit featuring the works of painter Hugo Basile. 1 p.m. (732) 381-7511.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Bobby McFerrin, solo a capella concert. A Metropolitan area exclusive appearance and an NJPAC debut. This event is part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series. 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GONJAPAC.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NEW YORK — The Gospel musical "The Devil Made Me Do It" comes to the Beacon Theater. 8 p.m. (212) 496-7070.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Jonny King and bass player Ed Howard through Oct. 2-8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEWARK — Al Haymon and Barriers Entertainment presents the "Legends of Soul" concert starring The Whispers, The Dells, The Manhattan, and The Intruders at Newark Symphony Hall. 7 p.m. (973) 643-8006.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents legendary trumpet player Chuck Mangione. 8 p.m. (732) 245-7469.

NEW YORK — Joyce Soho hosts an explosive dance exhibit featuring the work of Luis Lasz through Oct. 3-8 p.m. (212) 334-7479.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Latin Jazz Festival featuring The Chuchco Valses Quartet and The Danilo Perez Trio. 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GONJAPAC.

BROOKLYN, NY — World Festival 2000 returns with a weekend of food, fun and music for the whole family at Fort Hamilton Military Base through Oct. 11. Call (718) 435-4962.

NEW YORK — Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Juillard School hosts a free lecture on the piano stylings of legendary Duke Ellington, part of the Ellington Centennial. Call (212) 875-5597 for time and information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the concert version of the novel "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" featuring Johnny Mercer and Julie LaRocca. 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

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"The act of making a poem requires that somebody's listening," says poet Mark Doty. And listen they do. More than 12,000 people turned up to listen and laugh, to sigh and weep, to cheer and exult in the pure pleasure of the spoken word at the 1998 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, where Bill Moyers returned to cover the poetry beat. The two-hour special was produced by Dominique Lasseur and directed by Catherine Tague. "Under the trees in Waterloo, New Jersey, in this picturesque corner of America, the sound and taste and texture of words tumble off the stage. It's a celebration of the spirit that I find irresistible," says Moyers.

"They call it a festival but it's more like a carnival... and you're the ride," says poet Kurtis Lankin, who captivates the crowd with his tapestry of joyful sights and sounds of African-American urban street life. From big tents to small workshops, people throng to hear some

of the best poets in America and share their thoughts on the craft of poetry together, poet Coleman Barks, remarks, "It's amazing that so many people can be genuinely excited about fooling with words."

Doty, Lankin, and Barks, along with Amiri Baraka, Stanley Kunitz, Jane Hirshfield, Deborah Garrison, Lucille Clifton, Lorna Dee Cervantes, Galway Kinnell, Shirley Geoklin Lin, and Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky a native of Long Branch, are among the two dozen poets who share their rhythm, spirit and passion of their work on stage and off in conversations with Moyers.

From these profoundly different life experiences, a new American voice emerges like a chorus from the Festival. "The great feature of the Dodge Festival is its generosity of spirit, its pursuit of different ethnic groups, its welcome to different factions in poetry," says Stanley Kunitz, one of America's best-loved poets.



Amiri Baraka

Mark Doty

Robert Pinsky



Shirley Geok-Lin Lim

Kurtis Lankin

Bill Moyers

An American Love Story in black and white



Karen Wilson and Bill Simms, who have been together for over 30 years, appear in the documentary "An American Love Story" on PBS.

An American Love Story is a new 10-hour real-life documentary series that uses cinema verité footage, frank interviews, a wealth of film and television images, and an original musical score to chronicle the life and love of an interracial couple and their children in Queens, New York. Filmmaker Jennifer Fox, a multi-award winner for acclaimed documentary Beirut: The Last Home Movie, lived for a year and half with Bill Simms, Karen Wilson and their daughters Cicily and Chaney. For

over five years she interviewed them, as well as three generations on both sides of this American family. Her unique portrait promises to challenge America's views on race as well as on family.

This series, hailed as a creative breakthrough when it was shown at the 1998 Sundance and Berlin Film Festivals, made its premiere on PBS on Sunday and airs consecutive nights through Thursday, September 16 from 9 to 11 p.m.

What draws people to one

another? What keeps a marriage and a family together, despite the pressures that threaten to tear them apart? For so-called "normal" American families, the struggles are arduous enough - and as disheartening divorce statistics show, are often insurmountable. But Bill Simms, a black blues musician and Karen Wilson, a white corporate manager, have managed to keep their relationship intact for 30 years, as well as raise two well-adjusted and well-educated daughters - despite a history of societal pressures that might easily have destroyed them long ago.

When An American Love Story is broadcast this fall, viewers will have a unique opportunity to become familiar with this family as they are with their own. Readers will be eager to know more about them - both before their story becomes a household event and after this series helps to define the landscape of television. How do they do it? And what can their example offer a society that is still mired in racial conflict and family turmoil? In spite of the characteristics that make them appear so unusual, the Wilson-Simms family is everything that the "typical" American middle class family is supposed to be, and most of their problems are the same that any family faces: illness, career and money issues, the difficulties of successful parenting.

'The Pyramids' Egyptian art exhibit debuts at Metropolitan



For 4,000 years, Egypt's pyramids have captured the human imagination. In contrast with the purely geometric exteriors of these monuments, the buildings surrounding them were furnished with sculptural art of unprecedented and for a long time, unmatched realism. This fall, some 250 important works of sculptural and decorative art created for use in the temples and tombs surrounding the pyramids will travel to New York in a landmark exhibition. The exhibition features masterpieces from 30 museums in 10 countries. Tools used in the construction of the pyramids and an actual facing stone from the Great Pyramid at Giza will also be shown. The Metropolitan is the only venue in the United States to provide the sole opportunity to view Egyptian Art in the Age of the Pyramids.

African Heritage Network brings back 'House Party 3' and 'Cooley High'



The African Heritage Network brings back two classics: The hip-hop comedy House Party 3 (1:35 a.m. Sept. 17) features the rapping duo Kid & Play (Christopher Reid and Christopher Martin) and features Bernie Mac, Thelma Houston and T.C. Cooley High (same time Sept. 21), a lighthearted coming-of-age drama, stars Lawrence Hilton Jacobs as a gifted basketball player and Glynn Turman as his friend Preach.

What Is Networking?

Networking means calling and talking with friends, acquaintances, and people you don't know about jobs in your area of interest and asking for advice and support. If you would like to work as a physical therapy assistant, get in touch with people you know who work in hospitals or private practices or who have friends or relatives in the field. Talk to your family, friends, counselors, former employers, and anyone else you can think of who may be aware of a suitable job opening. You may discover a job even before the job opening is advertised.

Make a list of everyone you know in the healthcare field. Send a friendly letter to everyone on the list. You may want to include your resume when writing to people who are in a position to help you, or you can call and ask if they'd mind if you sent it. Think about how you can begin making many more attractive, useful, and helpful to employers. Use your self-evaluation and your informal interviews to help you network with others.

You never know what opportunity someone

will be able to find for you. Only about 20 to 30 percent of job vacancies are advertised, many employers look for employees by word of mouth. This is called the "hidden job market." In today's competitive climate, successful candidates must pursue all possible outlets. Networking it can be as important as visiting the career planning center at your school and checking help wanted ads. You want to gain as much exposure as possible.

Gaining Good Contacts
When establishing a network, you need to consider all possible living, breathing human resources: family, friends (including neighbors and parents or classmates), school personnel (teachers, counselors, alumni, administrators), previous employers (customers, employers, coworkers, customers, competitors), professionals (doctors, dentists, practicing professionals in your field), and community (business people, and member of clubs, associations, chambers of commerce, and religious groups). You also can use magazine articles, newspapers, or other general publicity to begin targeting people who would

like to help in your network.
It is important not to overlook any possibilities. However, you should use a contact's name without permission when you contact a potential employer. Don't assume your friend will go out on a limb to recommend you. Once you have received the networking information, use your own ability to get the job.

Making Contact
It's time to begin asking others for help. Contacting a whole lot of people for favors can be nerve-racking. However, the key to succeeding as a networker and avoiding a major case of networking negativity lies in understanding that you aren't going for a giant favor that creates a debt and gives others leverage over you. You are subtly emphasizing the other party's net asking for much in return.

When you contact someone, first identify yourself clearly. If someone refers you to their person, identify yourself yourself but your referral source as well. Then explain your job objectives and how you'll use your contact to help you.

Your contacts' willingness to help you will depend largely on how your requests are couched. Keep your requests for help brief, conversational, and low-key. Be sincere.
Keep it light and pleasant, and to make it all easier, recap what you plan to say before you make that important call.

Last, but certainly not least, write a letter to thank those contacts for their time. Tell them you really appreciate their help and that you are grateful for their willingness to mention you to their colleagues. Thank them as well for any referrals they may have given you. Also let them know that you will keep them updated about what happens. Many contacts will be interested to know that their input helped you.

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DATA ENTRY
Telecommunications company in the Wayne, NJ area has immediate openings for data entry operators. Individuals must have fast & accurate typewriting skills. Must possess some evening & weekends. Call today & work tomorrow! 724-484-6800.

DATA ENTRY/Key Encoding & Receptorist
Make an appointment with one of our representatives to discuss the opportunity. We are currently seeking Call Sales/Agency at 1272-1414 or fax resume to 201-722-0778.

HOTELS
Newark Airport Marriott, NJ is seeking the following:
Cocktail Server - Friendly, outgoing, previous cocktail or serving exp. Must be able to work week-evenings. \$10.00 per hour. Call: 973-658-1109.
Front Desk GSA - Individual with strong hospitality & communications skills. Must be able to work nights & weekends. \$10.00 per hour. Call: 973-658-1109.
Host/Hostess - Individual with strong communication skills. Must be able to work nights & weekends. \$10.00 per hour. Call: 973-658-1109.

LOSS PREVENTION
Individual must have CPR & First Aid Certification. Must possess a professional appearance. Must be able to work nights & weekends. Part time position.
Station Attendant - Must have sanitation experience. Must be able to work nights & weekends. Part time position.
Parking Booth Attendant - Individual must have some cashier exp., friendly, hospitable, & must be able to work overnights & weekends.

DESA (Bus Reg)
Must have strong communication skills, able to work in a fast paced restaurant, can work under pressure. We need someone that can balance & multitask. To be considered, please send resume to: All applicants must have a professional image at all times, show stability by having worked for the same company, to be a good team player, & must be able to practice Manual grooming standards at all times. Contact: Marisol Velazquez at 888-44MARRIOTT or fax resume to 875-500-1119.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
HOT HOT HOT
Heat up your career this summer with a hot new job opportunity. We are currently looking for several full-time positions in the following area:
Administrative - Bank Teller - Customer Service Representative - Cashier - Data Entry - Receptionist
Make an appointment with one of our representatives at Inago Service today. College students welcome. Interview time of 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. or fax resume to 201-712-0275.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER TRAINING
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JOURNALISM
Newark, NJ - Journalist, bilingual. Requires 5+ years experience. High school diploma or GED. Must be able to write & edit. Must be able to work nights & weekends. \$10.00 per hour. Call: 973-658-1109.

MAIL OPPORTUNITIES
Jobs at the Jersey Gardens Mall - Elizabeth, NJ - Mary Kay Cosmetics
Exclusively open RESUMES to 10/30/99
Positions available include:
Retail Merchandise - Security/Floor Services
Sales - Merchandise - Merchandise - Merchandise
FREE TRAINING available to Union County Residents - contact Union County College
Bruno Leone, 1000-608-5119 or Shirley Holte-DeVito, 1000-608-5119

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ASTHMA CARE MANAGER
Ewing, NJ - Grade Level 22. Responsible for the management of asthma care for patients. Must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in asthma care. Must be able to work nights & weekends. \$10.00 per hour. Call: 973-658-1109.

SOCIAL CARE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST
Newark, NJ - Grade Level 21. Responsible to educate non-member clients on HMO rules & regulations & counsel members in assessing care. Facilitate Utilization Management staff & hospital social services in discharge planning. Must have degree in social work, CWSW exp. in social work field. Salary: \$24,000 - \$30,000 per year. Call: Lisa Woodson at 609-393-4200 ext. 223.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR
Newark, NJ - Grade Level 22. Responsible for the coordination of quality improvement activities for MHP/PA. Also responsible for conducting periodic audits to assess quality of care provided to members. Must be a RN w/quality exp. min. of 2 yrs. professional business exp., preferably in a quality assurance environment. Salary: \$45,000 Contact: Hazel M. Woodson at 609-393-4200 ext. 223.

DATA ANALYST
Trenton, NJ - Grade Level 22. To provide intelligent analysis & reporting to support management decision making. Must be a graduate of a college or university with a degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or Information Systems. Must have a minimum of 2 years' experience in data analysis & reporting. Salary: \$24,000 - \$30,000 per year. Call: Lisa Woodson at 609-393-4200 ext. 223.

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS
Statewide locations available. Emergency room, pediatric, & medical-surgical. Must be a graduate of a nursing school. Must be able to work nights & weekends. Salary: \$10.00 per hour. Call: 973-658-1109.

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PROVIDER SERVICE REP
Camden & Newark - Grade Level 22. Responsible for providing customer service to members. Must be a graduate of a college or university with a degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or Information Systems. Must have a minimum of 2 years' experience in customer service. Salary: \$24,000 - \$30,000 per year. Call: Lisa Woodson at 609-393-4200 ext. 223.

SALES
COUNTER SALES REPRESENTATIVE
Newark Airport, NJ. Customer Service & Sales of Optical Services to be responsible for all aspects of retail & return of vehicles. Must have Sales & Customer Service exp., professional appearance & pleasant. Must be available to work days, nights, weekends, & holidays. Starting salary \$8.70 per hr. Candidates may apply in person Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hertz, Park Ave., Newark Int'l. Airport, Bldg. 23, Newark, NJ 07102-5451. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Berkley Heights, NJ. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, & PowerPoint. Support Office Manager, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Solid working exp. Salary: \$13 per hr. Contact: Martha Tice, 18 South St., New Providence, NJ 07093-7710-099.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Integr. one of NJ largest staffing firms is currently recruiting for prestigious Fortune 500 companies in Medicine, Law, Finance, Insurance, etc. Ideal candidates should have the desire to work hard in a fast paced, rewarding environment & be able to multi-task & work under pressure. Excellent oral/written communication skills are req. as well as proficiency in MS Word & Excel. Call 732-484-6800 for an appt.

SECRETARY
Trenton, NJ - Secretary & clerical duties necessary for the efficient performance of respective division. High School diploma with formal secretarial training in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, & have good organizational skills. Salary \$13 per hr. Contact: Martha Tice, 18 South St., New Providence, NJ 07093-7710-099.

Administrative Assistant
Warren, NJ. Req. 3 yrs. experience. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, & PowerPoint. Must have good organizational skills. Salary \$13 per hr. Contact: Martha Tice, 18 South St., New Providence, NJ 07093-7710-099.

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111 Mulberry St., Suite 1F
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Fax legals to:
973-642-5444
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Jersey Department of Transportation, pursuant to Public Law 100-17, Section 108 (a) of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Act of 1987 and 49 CFR, Part 16, has prepared an annual cost of third and fourth parties interest (12.4%) for disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) participation on federally-assisted projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2000 (commencing October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000).

Documentation describing how the New Jersey Department of Transportation determined the annual DBE party interest is available for inspection during normal business hours, at the Department's principal office during the period of thirty (30) days following publication of this notice.

This is not a notice of formal rulemaking, however, both the Federal Highway Administration and the New Jersey Department of Transportation will accept comments, for informational purposes only, on the aforementioned DBE party interest of forty-five (45) days following the publication of this notice at the following addresses:

New Jersey Department of Transportation
Division of Civil Rights/Affirmative Action
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08623-0600
Attn: Anthony M. Davis, Director, Division of Civil Rights/AA

Federal Highway Administration
Federal Highway Administration
Region 1
640 Hawthorn Road - Suite 310
Trenton, New Jersey 08620-2595
Attn: Dennis Miranda, Division Administrator

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BID NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 89 Keith Road, Monticello, New Jersey, for bid reconstruction and associated landscaping at Pleasant View Village Senior Citizen complex at Main Office at 10:00 AM on October 6, 1999 at their offices, 89 Keith Road, Monticello, New Jersey. At that time and place, the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud for consideration.

All bids will be presented by the parties bidding, or their agents at the design time and place, not before and not after. No mail or overnight delivery will be accepted.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Division I, Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents will be on file during the business day at the Housing Authority offices. Copies thereof may be obtained at the Office of the Engineer, Professional Planning and Engineering, 240 Cedar Knolls Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey, and (973) 287-2824 upon receipt of non-refundable deposit of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each complete set. Deposit checks shall be made payable to PP&E.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Surety's Certificate and a Certified Check or Bid Bond for five percent (5%) of the amount of bid. This is payable to Housing Authority of the County of Morris. Said Surety shall be bonded to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds to the successful bidder, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount.

The Housing Authority of the County of Morris reserves the right to waive any informality, to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, in its sole discretion, without giving any reason therefor, and without being bound to accept the lowest bid. Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

\$57.21

BUDGET MANAGER / EXAMINER
Field Location-PIRC North, East Orange
Salary \$65,475.50 - \$84,633.66

Serve as finance staff member of the School Review Improvement Team that will work closely with assigned local districts in the implementation of whole school reform and supplemental program and services and in the expansion of early childhood programs and services. Candidate will assist in the development of school based needs, review and approve annual district budgets, monitor district spending, analyze district financial management practices for efficiency and effectiveness and assist in the fiscal oversight of school districts. Requirements: Master's degree in Business or Public Administration. CPA may be substituted for Master's. Eight years of professional experience. Experience in budget analysis preferred. Applicants who do not meet all of the stated requirements, but who believe they possess equivalent qualifications, are encouraged to submit written statements indicating how their background and experience qualify them for the position. Please forward resume no later than September 24, 1999. Applications received after closing date will be considered if position is not filled.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PO BOX 500, TRENTON, NJ 08623-0500

CHILD STUDY SUPERVISOR
Two Positions
CAMDEN COUNTY PENNSAUCUN
UNION COUNTY OFFICE, WESTFIELD
Salary \$66,957.50 - \$84,633.66

Provide technical assistance and oversight to all districts in matters relating to special education. Requirements: Master's degree in special education along with NJ certificate in special education, LDC, teacher of the handicapped, school psychologist or related field. Four years of experience in a school district or other educational institution in providing special education. Please forward applications resumes no later than September 24, 1999. Applications received after closing date will be considered if position is not filled.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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CitySports

Could this be a rumble to match Leonard-Hearns?

Scoreboard

If Seton Hall hasn't already done so, it needs to offer head basketball coach Tommy Amaker a lucrative contract extension. Although Greg Moore is unlikely to lock himself into such a deal, the Hall needs to do everything it possibly can to demonstrate its desire to keep one of the brightest young basketball coaches in the country. In other words, the Pirates' athletic director needs to recruit Tommy Amaker like Amaker recruited high school stars such as Andre Barrett, Marcus Toney-El and Eddie Griffin.

A few days before the Jets season opener against the New England Patriots, Jets coach Bill Parcells cut versatile half-back Keith Byars. Byars, who felt he had played well enough throughout training camp to make the team, expressed shock and dismay in response to the decision. In cutting Byars, one of Parcells' favorite players, the Jets head coach once again demonstrated that only one thing really matters to him-winning. And to that end, he refuses to allow personal relationships and feelings with or toward particular players to influence his judgment in pursuit of a championship.

Gang Green

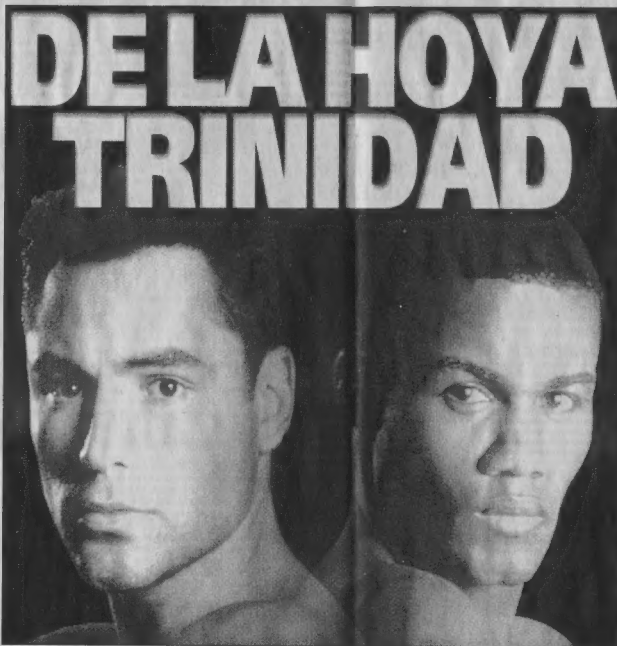
Speaking of the Jets, you gotta respect Rutgers product Ray Lucas who has successfully secured a roster spot with Gang Green. Lucas, who perhaps may never start an NFL game at QB, has nevertheless earned the roster spot by virtue of his grit, toughness and fierce competitiveness. If you want anecdotal evidence look no further than the preseason game against the New York Giants. After fumbling an exchange with the snap, Lucas dove four feet to retrieve the loose ball, and then wrestled the ball away from a couple of Giants. Giant defensive players. Although Lucas will get few snaps at quarterback he'll look for him to make significant contributions on special teams. However, with the loss of QB Vinnie Testaverde for the season with a torn Achilles - who knows?

Culpepper's best QB

By the way, the quarterback selected in this year's NFL draft is not Tim Couch, Williams, McNabb, or Akili Smith - who were picked first, second and third respectively, but Minnesota's Dante Culpepper, who was picked twelfth. Culpepper has all the tools. He's big (6-4, 255 lbs), has a strong arm and possesses outstanding leadership ability. He may not get as much playing time as the other aforementioned players, but he'll learn much under the tutelage of veteran QB Randall Cunningham, who had the highest Quarterback rating in the NFL last year.

Kick some polite butt

Lately, there's something very exciting about the sports of tennis and golf lately. Television ratings are up, fan attendance has increased, and generous corporate sponsorships have raised tournament purses to record levels. It really doesn't take a genius to put two and two together, and figure out that the increased popularity of the sports is attributable to the success of black athletes such as Tiger Woods, and Venus and Serena Williams. The fair and charming black athletes have brought to baseball, basketball and football has finally extended to the sports of polite society. Ironically, black folks are now playing an integral role in popularizing sports which have historically been impolite at best, and downright hostile at worst to people of color. I guess it's still okay to turn the other cheek, so long as you kick butt in your match.



World champion Oscar De La Hoya and Felix Trinidad get set to do battle in Las Vegas Saturday for the undisputed world welterweight boxing title.

Serena Williams wins historic triumph in U.S. Open tennis

By Greg Moore
Staff Writer

A rare chance to witness sports history unfolded when Serena Williams beat Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open final last Saturday at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Queens. Hingis, the world's top-rated woman player, was not only favored but she had dispatched Serena's older and more highly-touted sister Venus with relative ease.

History was not on Serena's side. It had been 31 years since an African American - Arthur Ashe - prevailed at the U.S. Open and 41 years since an African-American woman - Althea Gibson - had done so. But a determined, 7th-seeded Williams confounded Hingis, tennis pundits and history with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in a tiebreaker over Hingis.

In the process, Williams partially fulfilled the prophecy of her father Richard Williams, who had predicted a Williams victory, and avenged the loss of Venus by defeating the woman who had eliminated her sister. In her post-match remarks, Serena paid homage to the pioneers of tennis such as Arthur Ashe and East Orange's Althea Gibson, who first blazed the trails now walked by such players as Malaya Washington, the Williams sisters, Chanda Rubin and Alexandra Stevenson. Said Serena, "It's really amazing for me just to even have an opportunity to be compared to someone as great as Althea Gibson. . . She was a great player." For her efforts, Serena Williams received a congratulatory call from Bill and Chelsea Clinton, a winner's purse of \$750,000, and on Sunday, she and Venus got another \$350,000 for winning the U.S. Open Doubles Championship against Chanda Rubin and Sandrine Testud.

Eddie Robinson and greatness at Notre Dame



SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The NCAA's winningest coach, Grambling's Paul Hays, is a laugh over other football players of the past, at the 1999 Eddie Robinson Football Classic hosted by the University of Notre Dame, who defeated the University of Kansas 48-13. Standing with Robinson are his successor Super Bowl XLII MVP Famer Paul Hornung, and NFL Hall of Famer, former Chicago Bear Gale Sayers. The Football Classic benefits The Eddie C. Robinson Foundation, which gives scholarships and grants to youth nationwide.

Prep basketball talent search in Edison

By Greg Moore
Staff Writer

Ed Butler's annual New Jersey Showcase will be held on Sept. 23 at J.P. Stevens High. The event Butler created to provide high school basketball prospects with greater exposure has blossomed into an important pit stop for college recruiters

trail. Over 75 players are expected to attend including 6-10 Neal Barbaris, 6-9 Steve Castleberry, 6-8 Will Winthrop, 6-8 James Smith and 6-8 Justin Piasiecki. Butler, among the most respected scouts on the East Coast said Seton Hall recruit Marcus Toney will also participate in the 5:30-9:30 p.m. event. For more information, call (973) 678-6474.

By Ed Schayler Jr.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Oscar De La Hoya-Felix Trinidad fight is being hyped as the greatest non-heavyweight championship bout since Sugar Ray Leonard beat Thomas Hearns 18 years ago.

"I agree this fight is going to surpass any heavy-weight championship fight in the last 15 or 20 years," De La Hoya said last week. The welterweight title match between De La Hoya and Trinidad on Sept. 18 at Las Vegas certainly looks like it should be a dandy — a fight between two unbeaten welterweight champions, just as Leonard and Hearns were when they met on Sept. 16, 1981, at Las Vegas.

"It was it on tape a few years ago, and it was good fight," De La Hoya said of the Leonard-Hearns bout, which took place when he was 8 years old without boxing on his mind. The 14th-round knockout by WBC champion Leonard of WBA champion Hearns was a great fight — a match of ebb and flow between two men who could jab, move and punch with power. It will be remembered not because a man with a fan on his back crashed against the ring or a fighter hit a piece off his opponent's ear, but because of the high level of skill demonstrated, because of the outcome right to the end.

De La Hoya, the WBC champion, and Trinidad, the IBF champ, are two of the most talented fighters in the world today, but to expect them to match the Leonard and Hearns of that September night in 1981 might not be fair. It does, however, have all the qualities of the kind of match that what's a boxing buff's appetite. It sells itself, unlike two upcoming heavy-weight matches — Mike Tyson against Orlin Norris on Oct. 23, and the championship rematch between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield on Nov. 13, both at Las Vegas.

Promoting Tyson now is a matter of selling brass for gold, and you have to wonder how much longer Tyson can be sold on his past reputation, now badly tarnished, especially against a sleeping-potion opponent like Norris. In fact, the bout would not be a pay-per-view match.

As for Lewis-Holyfield, the first fight on its own merits did not justify a rematch. It was a bout between a big man (Lewis), who has not demonstrated the fire-in-the-belly approach to fighting that excites fans, against an opponent who said he wasn't feeling well that night.

What Holyfield might have been feeling was 36 years of age, plus many years of tough fights. That combination adds up to an old fighter, and he will not be younger Nov. 6. If either man had won, a rematch would have been a much harder sell than it will be as a result of inept judging that resulted in a majority draw rather than the win Lewis deserved. If De La Hoya-Trinidad just come close to being as great as Leonard-Hearns.

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